

REMARKS

Applicants thank Examiner Kim for his comments in a telephonic conversation on December 28, 2005 in which it was noted that several claims in the preceding Supplemental Amendment dated October 25, 2005 were incorrectly labeled "currently amended" when in fact they should have been identified as "previously presented." The present Supplemental Amendment correctly identifies the claims as "previously presented" except for claim 14, in which a minor typographical error (to delete the superfluous term "group,") is corrected in the present Supplemental Amendment.

Applicants respectfully request entry of these amendments and reconsideration and allowance of all pending claims. Early notification of the allowance of the application is respectfully requested.

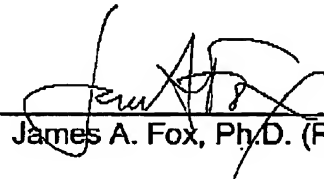
The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number indicated below should he find that there are any further issues outstanding.

Please charge any fees, including fees for extension of time, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-1641, referencing Attorney's Docket No. 25527-0001 C1.

Respectfully submitted,

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